GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CRUDE OIL IMPORTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a). the value and quantum of crude oil imported by the public sector oil refining companies and by the private sector oil refining companies separately in each of the last three years; and

b. the steps taken to reduce the quantum of import and to increase refinery margins?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 372 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.04.2008 REG. CRUDE OIL IMPORTS.

(a) The quantum and value of crude oil imported by Public Sector Oil Refining Companies and Private Oil Refining Companies during last three years are given below :

Year	Imports by PSUs		Private CompaniesQty	
	Qty(MMT)	ValueRs.crore	Qty (MMT)	ValueRs. crore
2005-06	69.0	123530	30.4	48172
2006-07	77.5	157689	34.0	61340
2007-08 (Apr'07-Feb'08)	76.4	170824	34.6	72382

MMT : Million Metric Tonnes

(b) Various measures are being taken to reduce quantum of import of crude oil, which are as follows :

i. Carving out more and more areas for exploration for offer under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

ii. Quicker development of discovered oil and gas reserves for enabling early commencement of production.

iii. Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.

iv. Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) / Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.

v. Arresting decline of production from ageing fields.

vi. Acquisition of exploration acreages and oil producing properties overseas to bring in Equity Oil.

vii. Substitution of oil in the transport sector through use of alternative fuels such as Bio- diesel, Ethanol-blended petrol, etc.

viii. Evolving suitable production technology for extraction of gas from gas hydrates under National Gas Hydrates Programmes (NGHP).

To increase the refinery margins various steps are being taken by Oil Marketing Companies, which are as under :-

Reduction in the transportation cost of crude oil.

Widening the basket of crude oil for procurement, by tapping different oil-producing countries.

Increasing the ratio of heavy grade / high sulphur crude in the Indian basket of crude oil.

Periodic technical audit for control of chemicals and catalysts consumption.

Thrust on energy conservation by adopting energy efficiency strategies and reduction in energy losses of the Refineries.

Adherence to Preventive and Predictive Maintenance Schedules in the Refineries to achieve the optimum operating costs.

Rationalising the manpower planning in the Refineries through re-deployment.